

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 as follows:

Figs. 23A-23F, 24A, 24B1, 24B2, 24C-24F, and 25A-25E illustrate embodiments of components which may be assembled into a floor mat in accordance with the present invention;

Please amend the second and third paragraphs on page 34 as follows:

Figure 24B 24B1 illustrates a floor mat frame backing section 2450 having holes 2455 formed adjacent to corners thereof. The backing section includes anti-slip components 2320. Figure 24B 24B2 further illustrates a non-tacky insert 2370 including holes 2475 formed adjacent to corners thereof, and which is sized to fit in a floor mat frame assembled from components described above. The non-tacky insert could, for example, be selected by an end user and cut with a template to the correct geometry to fit into an assembled floor mat frame, or could be ordered from a manufacturer pre-cut and selected from available materials identified in, for example, a catalog or a website on the Internet.

Figure 24C illustrates an assembly of components described in Figures 24A and 24B 24B1 and 24B2. The assembly is shown with the non-tacky insert 2370 in place within the perimeter sections and backed by the backing section 2450, and wherein the assembly is fastened together adjacent to corners thereof with fasteners 2425. Cross-sectional view 24C-24C illustrates details of connections which may be formed in assembling the components. A gap 2460 in corner sections 2420 may be large enough to receive perimeter sections 2410 and 2411, non-tacky insert 2370, and backing section 2450. The non-tacky insert 2370 and backing section 2450 may be received within perimeter section 2411, and perimeter section 2411 may be received within perimeter section 2410. Alternatively, the non-tacky insert 2370 and backing section 2450 may be received within perimeter section 2410, and perimeter section 2410 may

be received within perimeter section 2411 (not shown). Such nesting techniques are widely used in the art, and are not detailed further here.